By-laws and Virtual Meeting Updates-AMA Alliance

After the AMA Board of Trustees issued a statement declaring the current pandemic an emergency condition, the AMA Alliance Board of Directors consulted our bylaws regarding emergency conditions. Per Article XIV. Emergency Clause, "In case of war or other great disaster or extraordinary emergency, the functions and duties of the AMA Alliance shall be as prescribed under applicable law." In our case, it is the Illinois State Statutes governing non-profit organizations. These statutes give guidance regarding electronic meetings, which we are trying to follow.

Following the decision to hold a virtual meeting, the Bylaws Committee made a recommendation to suspend voting on the bylaws due to both the difficult logistics of holding an electronic hearing and vote, and the premise that, under emergency conditions, only essential business and the transition of leadership is necessary. None of the proposed amendments at this time are critical to the functioning of the Alliance. The Board of Directors voted to accept this recommendation. We acknowledge the disruption this may cause members, but the situation we all find ourselves in this year is unprecedented, and the Board asks your patience with this and other adjustments we need to make to hold this virtual meeting.

To assist you with the upcoming AMA Alliance Virtual Business Meeting and Installation of 2020-2021 Officers, June 6th, we are sharing a few additional updates:

Registration and nominations have been updated! Check out the AMA Alliance website to register for the Virtual Meeting and nominations.

Elections for the Governance Council and the Nominations Committee will be held prior to the Virtual Meeting. Nominations are open and the 2020 Willingness to Serve form is located on the AMA Alliance website at www.amaalliance.org under the Virtual Meeting page. This form is to nominate yourself and/or to nominate someone else. You must have the nominee's permission to nominate them and they must also fill out the 2020 Willingness to Serve form to be eligible to run. Nominations close at midnight on May 15, 2020.

Voting will be conducted via email. Voting ballots for the Governance Council and Nominations Committee will be emailed to current AMA Alliance members registered for the Virtual Meeting. Elections close at midnight on May 28, 2020.

The AMA Alliance Treasurer's report will be presented at the Virtual Meeting. The 2020-2021 budget has been posted on the AMA Alliance website under the Virtual Meeting page. We are interested in your questions, but due to time constraints there will not be an open question session for budget review. Please take time to review the budget prior to the Virtual Meeting. Your budget questions should be emailed by May 28th to the Finance Chair at treasurer@amaalliance.org. Only emailed questions will be answered during the Virtual Meeting.

Don't forget to register for the AMA Alliance Virtual Meeting!

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